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SUBJECT: FY 76 ALLOCATION FOR PORT MORESBY

1. WE APPRECIATE TOUGH DECISIONS WHICH MUST BE TAKEN IN ALLOCATION DIMINISHING RESOURCES.
2. \$40,000 FOR THE PNG FY 1976 PROGRAM IS IN ITSELF ALMOST SUFFICIENT TO MEET OUR GOALS PROVIDED WE CAN IMPLEMENT A BIT OF CREATIVE BUDGETING.
3. OUR OBJECTIVE BETWEEN NOW AND THE BEGINNING OF THE OCTOBER (FY 1977) BUDGET IS TO SEND TEN PRIME CANDIDATES ON IV LEADER GRANTS. THE OPPORTUNITIES TO SEND QUALIFIED AND WELL PLACED CANDIDATES ARE PARTICULARLY GOOD NOW SINCE THE INCREASED LOCALIZATION OF THE PNG BUREAUCRACY, IS SURFACING NEW FACES TO TAKE OVER POSITIONS OF MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY PREVIOUSLY HELD BY AUSTRALIANS. A LISTING OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS IS BELOW, AND LIST OF CANDIDATES FOLLOWS SEPTEL.
4. AS A FIRST STEP WE WOULD LIKE TO SEND FOUR IV'S BETWEEN NOW AND JULY 1. THAT GIVES US A \$10,000 SHORTFALL. WE BELIEVE THAT MOST OF THIS CAN BE FUNDED OUT OF MONIES NOW DESIGNATED FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS. THE ONLY FOREIGN STUDENT WE ARE OBLIGATED TO FUND AT THIS TIME IS JOHN K. GAWI.
5. SINCE THE GRADUATE LEVEL GRANTEE CONTEMPLATED FOR THE PNG DEPT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND TRADE HAS NOT YET BEEN DESIGNATED,

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WE DO NOT CONTEMPLATE THAT FUNDING WOULD BE REQUIRED PRIOR

TO JULY 1976, IF THEN.

6. WE DESIRE ALL MONIES IN THIS CATEGORY NOT TO BE ALLOCATED BY JULY 1 TO BE TRANSFERRED TO OUR IV ACCOUNT AND A CABLE SENT ASAP SHOWING HOW MUCH THIS WILL YIELD.

7. SECONDLY, WE WOULD LIKE EVERY CONSIDERATION TO BE GIVEN TOWARD ALLOCATING END OF YEAR FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO COVER TWO IV'S \$7,960.

8. THIRDLY WE WOULD LIKE A STRONG PITCH TO BE MADE FOR AN ALLOCATION FOR FOUR IV'S IN THE MINI BUDGET, \$15,920.

9. THIS CONSTRUCTION WOULD YIELD THE FOLLOWING BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD COVERED IN OUR COUNTRY PLAN (JULY 75 - SEPTEMBER 76).

40,000 NOW BUDGETED FY 1976

7,960 END OF YEAR FUNDS 1976

15,920 MINI BUDGET

\$63,880 TOTAL

OUR PLAN REQUESTED \$51,000 FOR THE JULY 75 - SEPTEMBER 76 PERIOD.

10. IF THE SUMS FOR THE GROUP EDUCATION PROGRAM ARE DEDUCTED (WHICH WE HAD ALL HOPED WOULD BE FUNDED IN FY 75) THE LEVEL OF EXPENDITURE WOULD BE ABOUT \$48,000 WHICH APPROXIMATES THE GOALS INCLUDED IN OUR PLAN, AND RESULTS IN A SHORTFALL OF ONLY \$3,000.

11. IT MAY BE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO GENERATE SOME JOINT FUNDING FOR SOME CANDIDATES BUT WE OBVIOUSLY CANNOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE IF WE ONLY HAVE \$5,886 TO SPEND UNTIL JULY.

11. GOALS NOT YET MET FOR THE FY 76 PROGRAM INCLUDE TWO IV'S FOR RANKING PUBLIC SERVANTS IN ECONOMICS, TWO MHA'S FROM THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, TWO DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS, AND TWO ARTISTS/ WRITERS. DUE TO THE RAPID LOCALIZATION EFFORT OF GOVT OF PNG THIS YEAR WE WOULD LIKE REVIEW OUR PRIORITIES TO CONCENTRATE ON THESE NEW MEN IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE HOLDING POSITIONS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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